

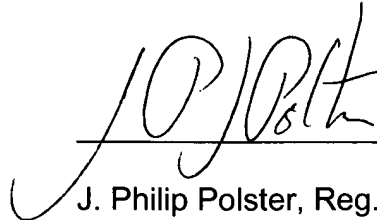
## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Enclosed herewith are a form PTO-1449, copies of the non-U.S. Patent references, and the search report and international written opinion of the International Searching Authority in the international phase of the present application. It is noted that the four references cited in the international phase all appear to include a continuous filament core, not a spun core or sheath.

It is believed that the claims of the application are patentably distinct from the art of record.

Should the Examiner have questions, he or she is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned attorney at 314-238-2426.

Respectfully submitted,

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